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A TEENAGE migrant desperate to flee to the UK to escape a horrifying terrorist group was crushed by a lorry he had secretly hidden under.

Mohammed Hassan feared his family would be killed by extremist group ISIS as the radicals edged closer to his Iraqi home, Oxford Coroner's Court heard.

The 17-year-old managed to illegally enter the country but died when the HGV he was clinging to reversed and killed him in Banbury on April 1 last year.

Speaking after an inquest on July 5, his uncle Shamal Silah raised concerns about the UK immigration system, claiming agencies must do more to support persecuted young people fleeing.

He added: "His mother is still crying and she is very bad. He was 17, it's very hard to forget."

Mohammed hid plans to flee to the UK from his parents, instead telling them he was spending a week in Turkey.

He believed the only way he could save his family from persecution was by claiming asylum in the UK and bringing his family to join him.

The teenager travelled to Dunkirk, northern France, with hopes of crossing the border, after making his way through Greece and Germany.

He was uncovered hiding in a lorry with five others and detained by the UK Border Force for four hours before being handed over to French authorities on March 28.

Three days later, he clung on to the axle of the HGV for three hours as driver Cristian Turda made his way to Beaumont Road-based automotive supplier Magna to deliver car parts from Romania.

The driver stopped outside the wrong entrance to the site, putting his hazard lights on and checking his mirrors before reversing, Mr Turda told the inquest in a statement. But he felt a 'bump', rushing out to find Mohammed lying in front of the vehicle.

Mohammed was pronounced dead at the scene, with consultant pathologist Professor Ian Roberts disclosing he died of 'severe crush injuries'.

Collision investigator Gary Baldwin told the inquest the space on top of the axle would have been 'incredibly cramped and very uncomfortable' in near freezing temperatures.

He added: "I can't think of a more difficult thing to do."



Lorry tragedy: Mohammed Hussain

Picture: Help Refugees/PA Wire

Recording a narrative conclusion, Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said Mohammed was not detected by border control officers as the lorry travelled through checks in France, including the UK control zone, as well as at Dover. He said Mohammed was 'probably' trying to free himself from the lorry or may have fallen before he was run over and killed accidentally.

The coroner intends to issue a report to Home Office ministers, highlighting more training and guidance needs to be given to border agencies dealing with 'unaccompanied minors'.

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Goldfinger dad nailed it for charity

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A PR company director abandoned his dignity in favour of dazzling digits in June in a bid to raise cash for Oxford Children's Hospital.

Malcolm Hay, 44, spent some time considering the best way to support the hospital before resolving to raise £500 in a month 'by making a complete fool of myself'.

Throughout the month the father-of-one sported a glittering array of stick-on vinyl nail wraps 'borrowed' from his wife Carolyn.

Mr Hay, of Middleton Cheney, said: "I was looking to do something for charity with little thought for the consequences.

"The wraps come in different patterns. A couple of people donated for me to wear rainbows and little pink unicorns, and then I had [Disney film] Frozen nails.

"To be honest, I was quite surprised people were accepting and I didn't get any kind of abuse. I'm just relieved it's all over."

The hardest to wear, he said, was a set of 'really fancy' gold vinyl wraps, while eye-catching multicoloured designs were a firm favourite by the end of June.

Amused and admiring acquaintances pitched in to help Mr Hay, who works for OnCue Communications, reach his fundraising target for the hospital in Headington, where more than 30,000 poorly youngsters are treated each year.

He said: "I have a friend whose son



Malcolm Hay, whose flamboyant fundraiser raised more than £500 for Oxford Children's Hospital over a month



charity arm of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

This year the hospital is marking its 10th anniversary.

Charitable funds spokesman Joseph Baker said: "It's always inspiring when members of the community want to help support our very special hospital with fun and unique ideas.

"After speaking with Mal about his plan to support the 10th Anniversary Appeal, I knew that he would be an excellent fundraiser and raise money with a comical twist.

"To raise more than £500 for the Oxford Children's Hospital is fantastic and will help make our youngest patients and their families time in hospital that little bit easier."

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is having treatment in the cancer ward at the moment and I wanted to do something for them.

"To be honest I didn't have any expectations but wanted to get above £500; if I can get above £600 now

that's great. This would be a great variation on Movember and a few people have expressed interest in it next year.

"People have suggested a month in high heels but I'm not too keen;

I might knock the cross-dressing thing on the head and stick to the nails."

So far Mr Hay's charity challenge has raised £530 for the hospital through ORH Charitable Funds, the

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Dog attacks on posties still ‘too high’

POSTIES in Oxfordshire still have reason to beware of the dog as it emerged that 36 postal workers in the county were attacked by household pets in the 2016/17 financial year.

According to Royal Mail this is a reduction of 20 per cent on the previous 12 months, but the company said nationally the number of attacks is still ‘too high’.

The figures were revealed as part of the fifth annual Dog Awareness Week, which aims to highlight the issue and encourage responsible dog ownership.

According to Royal Mail, last year a total of 2,471 attacks took place across the UK, a drop of seven per cent on the previous year.

Over the past five years this rises to 14,500 attacks, with 174 in the OX postcode area. Of these 71 per cent took place at the front door or in the front garden.

Liz Law, Royal Mail operations director, said: “Some of these attacks have led to extremely serious and life-changing injuries and this is unacceptable.

“While the number of dog attacks on postmen and women has fallen across the UK in the last year, the numbers are still far too high. Our postmen and women need to be able to deliver the service they provide to communities, without the risk of injury. We ask all dog owners to keep their pets under control.”

New social group for older people open for business

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A NEWLY-FORMED social group for older and retired people in need of company and a chat has thrown open its doors in Banbury.

The fortnightly group has been launched by Banbury United in partnership with Age UK Oxfordshire and takes place at the team’s clubhouse, known as The Spencer.

Some 20 people attended the most recent session after the group first launched in June, with more people encouraged to come and help make it a success.

The group is not football-themed and is open to anyone in the area, primarily those who are retired, who would like to make new friends.

Libby Griffin, community networker at Age UK Oxfordshire, said: “We were approached by Banbury United to see if there was an opportunity for us to work together to provide a service for older members of the community.

“This seemed an excellent chance to put together a new social group with varied fun activities using the football club’s facilities.

“I am delighted at how the first two sessions have gone, there has



Members of the fledgling social group at The Spencer enjoy a game of curling

been a good attendance and everyone has enjoyed themselves.”

Visitors can enjoy quizzes, indoor floor games, talks and other activities with teas, coffees, biscuits and cakes all provided by the club for free.

Banbury United has also committed to helping those who would like

to attend with transport needs.

Martin Cantrell, the club’s community director and vice chairman, said: “As a supporters’-owned and local community-focused club we are always looking to use our facilities and to provide whatever help we can with deserving local projects.

“This is an ideal such project for us to be involved with and we at the club are delighted to see so many at the first two sessions and all having so much fun.”

The next session takes place from 10.30am to midday on Wednesday, July 19, at the clubhouse in Station Approach.



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Residents to have say on homes plans

A SIX-WEEK consultation on proposals for 4,400 homes north of Oxford will be launched with a series of public events.

Cherwell District Council has put forward its development sites to contribute to Oxford city's unmet housing need.

The local plan partial review revealed that 3,900 of those homes should be built on Green Belt land north of the city.

It includes a 1,950-home community near Begbroke.

Six public exhibitions will be held across the county from next week to give residents the chance to quiz council officers and submit their feedback.

Cherwell's board member for planning, Colin Clarke, said: "Due to a lack of development sites and boundary constraints, Oxford City Council is unable to fully meet its housing needs.

"A total of 147 potential sites have been put forward for consideration in Cherwell to accommodate our share of this shortfall."

The first event will take place at Shipton-on-Cherwell village hall on Wednesday followed by exhibitions at Yarnton Village Hall – July 21, Woodstock Community Centre – July 27, Cutteslowe Pavilion – August 1, Begbroke Village Hall – August 2 and Exeter Hall, Kidlington – August 17.

All run from 4-8pm, apart the Cutteslowe event which is 3.30-7.30pm.



Alan Wolstencroft, Clare Rickard, Alison Dormer, Simon Adkins and Rob Cousins at Banbury Rotary Club's West End-inspired charity concert

New year of fundraising begins with rotary club party

A CHARITY concert featuring a dynamic lineup of West End classics saw the start of a new year of fundraising for Banbury Rotary Club.

Some 200 people packed into the theatre at Tudor Hall School in Banbury on Saturday to enjoy a range of songs from musical theatre as well as a raffle and auction.

Four seasoned performers, including Simon Adkins, originally

from Banbury and currently the resident choreographer of musical 42nd Street in the West End, kept audiences entertained all night as the chain of office was formerly handed over from outgoing president Owen Kyffin to Alan Wolstencroft.

In his parting words, Mr Kyffin said Rotary was a 'broad organisation' offering a plethora of

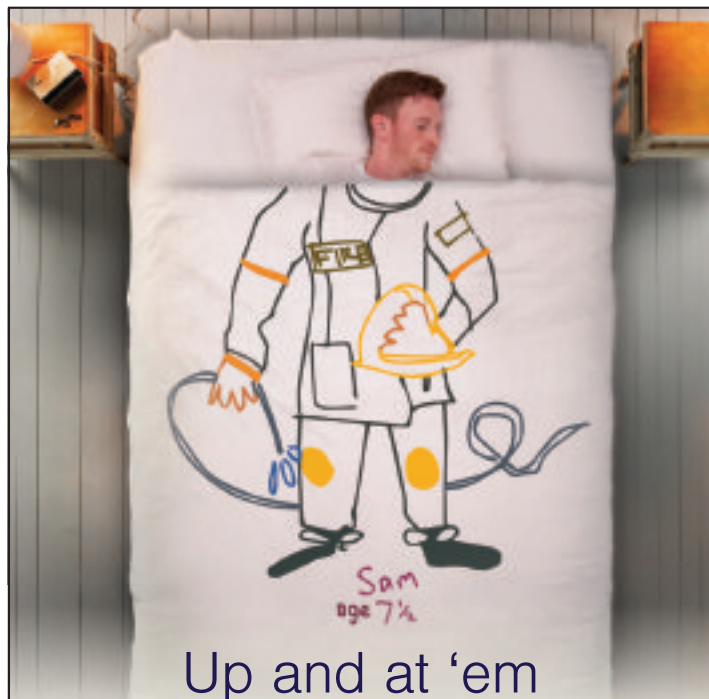
opportunities both locally and across the globe.

He said: "It isn't simply about raising funds for charities. It is about fellowship and offering experiences and opportunities to young people to grow and develop."

Mr Wolstencroft added: "The concert was a great way to start my year as president and I owe an immense debt of gratitude to the

four professionals for putting on such a great show, and I must also acknowledge the wonderful support we received from Tudor Hall School and the local businesses who donated items for the raffle and auction."

All funds raised on the night will go towards Mr Wolstencroft's Sierra Leone schools projects and Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.



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After more than 40 years on air, radio Horton still calling

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ON July 7, 1974, patients at Banbury's hospital pricked up their ears as a single immortal line, 'This is radio Horton calling', was broadcast across the wards.

And 43 years later the station is still not short of surprises, showering visitors with gifts and hosting a lively weekend of events and entertainment to mark its birthday.

From the studio, patients' ears were treated to a range of special programmes featuring UK chart-toppers from July 7 over the decades, a history of the station and a discussion hosted by Horton radio stalwarts John and Maria Mayo looking back to the 1960s.

The station's Kidz Club programme, hosted by Victoria Walton, also awarded two youngsters with family vouchers gifted by the Rugrats and Halfpints indoor play area.

Over the course of the weekend Radio Horton volunteers were out in force at the William Morris Primary School summer fair, speaking to and



Radio Horton volunteers at BodFest during a busy weekend of events

entertaining the public. In addition to this, a team from the station also attended Bodfest at Banbury Rugby Club, the Three Spires Challenge at Adderbury's Lucy Plackett field and the annual Broughton Cycling Sporting held in the grounds of Broughton Castle, helping raise vital funds for the station and spreading the word.

Radio Horton committee member Bob Dainty said: "A lot more goes into the events behind the scenes in terms of organisation and logistics, especially during a weekend where we have simultaneous events.

"Tasks include maintain-

ing and preparing the outside broadcast vehicle, its various equipment and that we have suitable playlists to cater for the audiences of each individual event.

"We also have to ensure we have enough volunteers in place to cover these events, and we are grateful to the various organisers for inviting us and making us feel welcome."

Radio Horton has more events lined up over the summer and is also seeking new faces to join the team as volunteers over the coming year.

For more information visit radiohorton.co.uk

Dealer threw drugs in a garden as he tried to flee police

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A DRUG dealing addict threw more than £1,000 worth of cannabis into a garden during a desperate attempt to flee police, a court heard.

Merban Hussain of Padbury Drive, Banbury, was caught after his short-lived bid for freedom ended with him falling flat on the floor.

Oxford Crown Court heard on Thursday how the 27 year old had been in Middleton Road, Banbury, on the afternoon of August 9 when a police car passed him by.

Eagle-eyed officers noticed him acting strangely, prosecutor Cathy Oliver said, and decided to investigate.

She told the court: "It was about 1.30pm when they saw Mr Hussain.

"He was standing by the road and the officer with his trained eye thought he looked concerned to see the police car.

"He was stopped. He smelled of cannabis. He ran off and there

was a chase and he jumped over a member of the public who was trying to detain him.

"Eventually he fell over."

On his arrest police found two large bags of cannabis which he hurled into a garden nearby.

When police examined the contents they found 111.49g of skunk – a potent form of cannabis – which officers said had an individual street value of £950 but if sold in £10 bags could be worth as much as £1,400.

Hussain at first denied having the drugs and Ms Oliver added: "Mr Hussain said the cannabis would have been put there by the police.

"He also made allegations that the police had been racist and they had only arrested him because of his race."

On June 9 Hussain nonetheless pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to supply the class B drug. Colin McCarragher, defending, said his client, a former taxi call handler, had been a long-standing drug addict and was only dealing to fund his addiction.

He said: "He is trying to help

himself and has made some serious steps to stop using cannabis.

"He has already started working on that and says he doesn't smoke cannabis anymore."

Sentencing Hussain, Recorder Rhonda Campbell said he was an 'intelligent' and 'insightful' man.

She added: "That makes this all the more disappointing that you find yourself here. That cannabis was not a small amount, not at all.

"Cannabis is an insidious drug and I can see that you have personal experience of it and you will be aware of its addictive nature.

"It causes real damage and danger to a large number of people. Your role was a significant one, you were in it for financial gain."

Hussain was handed a seven month prison sentence suspended for two years.

He must also complete 30 days of a rehabilitation requirement as well as 150 hours of unpaid work.

Bodicote Park is rocking for BodFest



A RAUCOUS celebration of local talent saw a sun-soaked Bodicote Park teeming with families and music lovers.

Home-grown performers including The Great Central Big Band, country blues musicians Freeway Jam and rock band Tess of the Circle (pictured) entertained hundreds lounging on the grass at BodFest on Saturday, this year

hosted by Banbury Rugby Club.

Visitors also enjoyed a plethora of other attractions including bubble football, go-karts, a street market, food traders and a small funfair.

Organisers extended their thanks to the 'fantastic' musicians involved and said they would 'listen, learn and evolve' to ensure the family festival returns again next year.



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'I got my life back the minute I had that kidney transplant'

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ORGAN donors have saved the lives of more than 500 people in Oxfordshire.

In new figures released today by NHS Blood and Transplant, 528 people are alive thanks to the generosity of others.

Sam Rose is one of those people. She underwent a kidney transplant when she was a teenager after being diagnosed with chronic renal failure in 1994.

For months, she was on dialysis known as CAPD, which involved having a tube inserted into her abdomen.

Following the successful transplant in 1995, Ms Rose, who lives near Banbury, has gone on to make the most of life, marvelling at creatures in the Great Barrier Reef, riding ex-racehorses and even having a spell as a cowgirl in Australia.

The 35-year-old lawyer added: "The transplant completely transformed my life in so many different ways.

"You are given the freedom to live your life without having to worry where there is a safe and clean place to do your dialysis.

"I have been exceptionally lucky that it keeps working very well and



Sam Rose had a kidney transplant when she was 13

Picture: Ed Nix

it has had the most enormous affect on my life really.

"I had the opportunity to write a thank-you letter to the donor's family but I cannot express the full extent of my gratitude."

Now an advocate of organ donation, Ms Rose has previously backed the Oxford Mail's Sign up and Save a Life organ donation campaign after five people from Oxfordshire died in 2015 before receiving the transplant they needed.

Ms Rose added: "I got my life back

the minute I had that transplant.

"I cannot thank the families enough who make the courageous decision to donate their loved ones' organs."

The NHS Blood and Transplant's annual Transplant Activity Report also shows there are now 307,946 Oxfordshire residents who have registered as organ donors, 28 per cent more than five years ago.

But despite the rising figures there are still around three people in need of a transplant who die eve-



For months as a teenager Sam Rose underwent dialysis three times a day before her kidney transplant.

Picture: Sam Rose.

ryday nationally.

Ian Biggs, who lives in Abingdon, said the two small bowel transplants his son Luke Biggs received meant he could live a normal childhood.

The teenager who laughed his way through life succumbed to complications from bowel disease in January 2016 age 18.

But his dad added: "We had a smashing time with him, real quality time.

"And although his loss is unbear-



able for us all by having those brilliant memories and time with him it slowly becomes more bearable.

"When he had his first transplant at eight years old, afterwards you would think he was just a normal child."

Mr Biggs will be running the donor run at the British Transplant Games in Scotland at the end of the month.

The 49-year-old added: "I think what a lot of people do not understand about organ donation is that the final decision lies with the family and loved ones of the person who has died.

"Unfortunately Luke could not donate any of his organs although it was both his and our wish to do so.

"But we need to start thinking about how one person and their organs can actually go on to save the lives of so many people."

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Performing arts students show their passion for Greek poem



Students from Banbury and Bicester College on stage at The Mill

PERFORMING arts students from Banbury and Bicester College rounded off their course with a dramatic adaptation of an ancient Greek poem.

The production of *The Odyssey* at The Mill Arts Centre marked the end of the Level 3 students' two-year course and was the focus of their final assessment.

Students studying at Level 2 also

performed supporting roles in the piece based on the epic poem, which follows the story of the Greek hero Odysseus, king of Ithaca, and his journey back home after the fall of Troy.

Friends, family and fellow students turned out to watch the show.

Sarah Methuen, head of performing arts at Banbury and Bicester College,

said: "I could not be more proud.

"They have been a dream to work with. The venue for their performance provided them with the experience of a professional theatre environment.

"This was a great opportunity and you could feel that the students were passionate and took great pride in performing."

Police keen to raise awareness of FGM

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POLICE bosses have written to schools and health organisations to spot the signs of female genital mutilation.

Thames Valley Police Assistant Chief Constable Jason Hogg and Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld are urging bodies which work with children and young people to spot the warning signs that a girl may be at risk of or has experienced FGM.

The awareness campaign comes after NHS Digital statistics revealed this week there were 10 newly recorded cases of FGM in Oxfordshire in 2016/17.

FGM is child abuse and is a crime in the UK.

Mr Stansfeld said it was 'vital' to raise awareness of FGM and the communities it affects.

He added: "All organisations which come into contact with children such as health and social care professionals and teachers, have a responsibility to recognise the signs of FGM to prevent young girls becoming victims."

FGM involves the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other damage to the genital organs, for supposed cultural, religious or non-medical reasons.

This practice inflicts severe physical and psychological damage to the child.



Raising awareness: Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld

While it is thought the crime predominantly takes place outside the UK, it is believed to be vastly under-reported.

The summer holidays are a particularly high risk time when girls may be taken out of the country for the procedure.

ACC Hogg said: "FGM is a grave violation of the human rights of girls and women. It is often a hidden crime and one where we need the support of the local

community to help us to tackle and eradicate it. In the year ahead we will be seeking to raise awareness of hidden harm and the crimes that come within this area of work which includes FGM."

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Deadly serious monkey business

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES (12A, 140 mins) *Action/Sci-Fi/Adventure/Fantasy/Drama/Romance*. Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Karin Konoval, Terry Notary, Michael Adamthwaite, Amiah Miller, Steve Zahn, Judy Greer, Max Lloyd-Jones, Devyn Dalton. Director: Matt Reeves.

Monkey business becomes deadly serious in the third chapter of the rebooted sci-fi franchise. Matt Reeves, who directed the thrilling 2014 instalment *Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes*, retains his position at the helm of this cataclysmic showdown between the last remnants of mankind and genetically enhanced primates, who have collectively weathered the storm of Simian Flu.

So much of the picture relies on the latest motion-capture visual effects to translate performances of a gifted human cast into richly textured animal protectors and warriors.

The results are jaw-dropping.

Time and again, Reeves shoots pivotal scenes in close-up so we can see tears well in the creatures' eyes, or anguish ripple across their brows, as they face the stark possibility of extermination.

It's a glittering showcase for Andy Serkis' tour de force portrayal of the leader of the ape uprising, begging tantalising questions about where performance ends and state-of-the-art trickery begins.

Everyone has blood on their hands and Reeves' contemplative script, co-written by Mark Bomback, corrupts characters on both sides of the conflict in the name of survival. The only winners, when the computer enhanced dust settles after almost two-and-a-half hours, are audiences who have been on this rollercoaster since 2011 when the ALZ-113 virus ravaged the globe. Twelve years have passed since that outbreak and Caesar (Serkis), his wife Cornelia (Judy Greer) and their two sons Blue Eyes (Max Lloyd-Jones) and Cornelius (Devyn Dalton) are living in exile in the woods with the rest of the apes.

Under the cover of darkness, Colonel McCullough (Woody Harrelson) and his sharp-shooting soldiers stage an assault on the ape stronghold and kill most of Caesar's

family.

The grief-stricken leader orders the survivors to flee in search of a new home while he exacts revenge on the Colonel.

Maurice, Rocket and Luca defy Caesar's orders and join him on the long and arduous trek to locate the military in their mountainside stronghold.

En route, they encounter an out-cast chimpanzee called Bad Ape (Steve Zahn), who escaped from his zoo enclosure, and an orphaned girl (Amiah Miller), who has been rendered mute by the virus.

Maurice becomes a surrogate parent to the child as Caesar continues his quest for retribution.

War For The Planet Of The Apes is a fitting conclusion to several key storylines, which are underscored by composer Michael Giacchino's magnificent orchestral score.

Serkis and Harrelson face off in a series of increasingly brutal set pieces that hammer home the senseless loss of life on both sides of the ideological divide.

Reeves harnesses impressive technical might without obscuring the raw emotions that course beneath each digitally enhanced frame.

RATING: 7.5/10

CARS 3 (U, 109 mins) *Animation/Action/Drama/Comedy/Romance*. Featuring the voices of Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo, Armie Hammer, Larry The Cable Guy, Bonnie Hunt, Chris Cooper, Nathan Fillion, Lea DeLaria, Isiah Whitlock Jr, Margo Martindale, Paul Newman. Director: Brian Fee.

Success and failure are two sides of the same shiny coin.

To truly appreciate the exhilaration of winning, you also have to experience crushing disappointment and then muster the strength of character to try again, even if it ends in more pain.

As one turbo-charged character in director Brian Fee's well-oiled road movie proclaims: "You can use anything negative as fuel to push through to the positive".

The computer animation wizards at Disney Pixar have been blazing a trail to the positive since their wildly imaginative debut, *Toy Story*.

This second sequel to the 2006 coming-of-age comedy *Cars* is unlikely to tarnish the studio's golden

lustre, continuing the misadventures of anthropomorphised vehicles, who orbit championship racing car Lightning McQueen (voiced by Owen Wilson).

Themes of self-sacrifice and perseverance are pumped into the film's fuel tank, and are reflected in writer-director Dave Mullins' heartbreaking computer-animated short film, *Lou*, which precedes the main feature.

Three scriptwriters jump-start what appears to be a conventional comeback story but take us on a surprisingly different emotional journey.

Cars 3 begins in familiar territory with Lightning screeching to victory in the Piston Cup until cocksure rookie Jackson Storm (Armie Hammer) steals his thunder.

A high-speed collision wrecks Lightning's chances of retaining his crown and he retires to Radiator Springs in the company of tow truck Mater (Larry The Cable Guy) and his sweetheart Sally (Bonnie Hunt).

Fond memories of mentor Doc Hudson (Paul Newman) compel Lightning to hit the comeback trail and he heads to the Rust-eze Racing Center owned by Sterling (Nathan Fillion), "the mud flap king of the eastern seaboard".

Sterling assigns trainer Cruz Ramirez (Cristela Alonzo) to improve Lightning's speed and stamina.

With a pivotal race in Florida looming on the horizon, Lightning and Cruz forego last minute tweaks to track down Doc's revered mentor, Smokey (Chris Cooper).

En route, they take part in a mud-spattered demolition derby against school bus Miss Fritter (Lea DeLaria) and learn priceless secrets from veteran cars River Scott (Isiah Whitlock Jr) and Louise "Barnstormer" Nash (Margo Martindale).

Cars 3 is the most poignant film in the series, striking a pleasing balance between heartfelt sentiment, belly laughs and dazzling artistry. The quality of the animation is flawless.

Admittedly, director Fee and his team don't reinvent the steering wheel but they do manage to tinge even the most colour-saturated scenes with aching sadness.

RATING: 6/10



Karin Konoval, left, and Amiah Miller in Twentieth Century Fox's "War for the Planet of the Apes."

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Cake Bookworm

Eureka by Anthony Quinn is published in hardback by Jonathan Cape, priced £14.99 (ebook £9.99). Set to the soundtrack of The Beatles in London's swinging Sixties, Anthony Quinn's *Eureka* is chock-a-block with sex, drugs and rock n roll. There's also gangsters, arson, unrequited love and the decriminalisation of homosexuality. Gregarious screenwriter Nat Fane is where he loves to be - at the centre of attention. Through him we meet aspiring actress Billie Cantrip, journalist Freya Wyley, German wunderkind film director Reiner Werther Kloss and gangster kingly Harry Pulver, as well as a host of other film types. The story follows the filming of Nat's latest screenplay, a Henry James adaptation fuelled by acid trips and written almost scene by scene as they're filming it. The drama of Nat's script

parallels the drama of his own life, so closely that characters and stories seem to merge into one. Nat's flamboyant fashion and passion for kinky bedroom games balance out the more mundane details of Quinn's historical fiction, which is completely immersive and compelling. **9/10**

How To Stop Time by Matt Haig is published in hardback by Canongate, priced £12.99 (ebook £6.74). Those familiar with Haig will recognise the main theme of his sixth novel for adults as a refrain that has pulsed through his previous works, as sure and steady as the ticking clock. This fantasy/adventure story, to be made into a film starring Benedict Cumberbatch, centres on Tom Hazard, a man who is more than 400 years old - an "albatross" who ages at an incredibly slow rate and has sworn not to fall in love

with a normal "mayfly" human. Trapped in the past as he mourns his centuries-old first love, Rose, Hazard meets Camille, who sparks a process of self-discovery in which he questions what it is to really live. Now a humble secondary school history teacher, Hazard reflects on his time as a lute player recruited by Shakespeare to play in the Globe, crew member on Captain Cook's voyage, and jazz pianist bumping elbows with F. Scott Fitzgerald in a boozed up corner of Paris. Despite the centuries and continents spanned, the most challenging terrain is internal, as he comes to accept himself as he is, not as he should be. This is a refreshing exploration of how to make peace with one's past selves and future possibilities in a world where moments seem to rush past faster than ever.

6/10

Call for Tasers for all frontline police

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TASERS should be available to all police officers on the frontline in Oxfordshire, the boss of the force's federation has said.

Craig O'Leary, chairman of Thames Valley Police Federation, called on the Government to make a 'financial commitment' to fund training for officers to use the stun gun in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks.

PC O'Leary said more Tasers were also needed to tackle the increase of assaults on police officers in the force, adding constables should have 'the tools to do the job and as well as protect themselves and others'.

He said: "I would like to see all frontline officers that wish to carry Tasers have access to the training. "We have seen an increase in assaults upon police officers, coupled with the lone wolf knife attacks that have been emerging in London.

"I am not saying a Taser-trained officer can prevent that, but at the very least he or she will be able to do better protected by a Taser than with their baton and spray.

"This is about having the tools to do the job and as well as protect themselves and others."

A freedom of information request obtained by the *Banbury Cake* at the start of this year revealed the number of police officers who had been assaulted in the county was on the rise.

A total of 218 officers were as-



A Taser being demonstrated by a police officer

saulted in 2015 while on duty in Oxfordshire, compared to 176 in 2014, 173 in 2013, 142 in 2012 and 140 in 2011.

The federation – the body which represents rank-and-file officers – said an Ipsos MORI survey showed seven in 10 members of the public thought it was acceptable for police officers to carry Tasers on patrol.

The handheld weapon, which is designed to temporarily incapacitate a suspect through the use of an electrical current, was fired by 24 times by police officers in Oxford between 2012 and 2017 – more than anywhere else in the Thames Valley.

Oxford city was also the highest for Taser use – including when it is drawn or aimed but not fired – in

the force area over the same period.

PC O'Leary admitted the force would 'struggle' pay for the substantial training costs.

Officers would need to undergo two-weeks of training to use the new X2 model, which is replacing the 13-year-old single-shot X26.

All firearms officers in Thames Valley Police carry Tasers, along



PC Craig O'Leary, chairman of Thames Valley Police Federation

with some frontline officers and some neighbourhood officers, but there are no plans to increase the rollout.

Superintendent Ed McLean, head of tactical and specialist firearms, said the force 'continually reviews the number of its Taser-trained officers, based on 'threat, harm and risk' to ensure communities are kept safe from harm.

He added: "Along with other forces around the country, Thames Valley Police is in the process of actively recruiting and training additional firearms officers."

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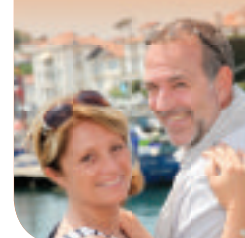
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Oxfordshire Listings

Events

THURSDAY

Gosford All Blacks Pre Season Training: Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club, Stratfield Brake, Kidlington. Gosford All Blacks are looking for new players to join there senior teams. 7pm. Free.

National Garden Scheme: Upper Chalford Farm, Between Postcombe and Syncombe, Chinnor. Evening opening. Jacobean farmhouse garden surrounded by fields, old roses, shrubs and perennials. Unusual trees, an ancient black pine, and Caucasian wingnut tree. Hidden gardens with different plantings and peaceful places to sit. Bog garden and wild flower meadow, topiary and conservatory sundials. Short gravel drive from car park. Wheelchair access. Plant sale. Home-made teas. 4pm. Adult £5; children free. 01844 351320.

Ramblers walk: Three Horseshoes PH, Garsington. Leisurely four-mile walk via Cuddesdon with a pub supper to finish. 6pm. 01865 890005.

The Iconic Hedgehog: Middleton Cheney Library, Main Road, Middleton Cheney. Brian Scott, from the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue, will give an illustrated talk. 7.30pm. Adult £7, child £4. 01295 712949.

Walk for Health: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 10am. Free. 01235 771447.

FRIDAY

An Evening of Wine Tasting – Unusual Grape Varieties: The Beacon, Portway, Wantage. Join Brian Davis, member of the Association of Wine Educators, for an evening of wine tasting around the theme of unusual grape varieties. The evening will include the opportunity to sample eight wines, with accompanying refreshments. 7.30pm. £20. 01235763456.

Aston & Cote Primary School Hawaiian Summer Gala: Aston & Cote Primary School, Cote Road, Aston. 3.30pm. Free. 01993 850435.

Museum Book Group: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 2pm. Free but asked to support the museum cafe. 01235 771447.

Wantage Country Market: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Wantage WI. 9.30am. Free. 01235 771447.

Witney Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney. 7pm. Monthly fees apply. 01844 281888.

SATURDAY

Bicester Mum2mum Market Nearly New Sales: Bicester Methodist Church, Bell Lane, Bicester. 10.30am. £2.

Charity Car Boot: Blue Cross Burford, Shilton Road, Burford. 8am. Cars £5, vans/trailers £10, £1 donation on gate. 0300 777 1974.

Children's book signing event: Costa Coffee, 203 Banbury Road, Summertown. Meet author, Christine Tennent and local illustrator, Rob Overend. Fun activities for children – free book marks and balloons – book signing. Christine and Rob will be accompanied by some small human lizard-look-alikes. *Horace Burp, Lizard Boy Hero* is a Wishing Shelf Awards finalist and a follow-up to the Wishing Shelf bronze award winning *Horace Burp, Lizard Boy*. The books are aimed at children aged 6-9+ and are dyslexia friendly. 11am. Free. 07581 723691.

Drawing Fossils: Abingdon Museum, Market Place, Abingdon. Spend a day in Abingdon Museum learning how to draw fossils, shells and the Ichthyosaur with artist Kate Hammersley. Email museum.bookings@abingdon.gov.uk 10.30am. £40. 01235 523703.

Jumble Sale Extra: Cumnor Village

Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor. Annual sale for Help the Heroes. 2pm. 50p. 01865 327819.

Katharine House Hospice Fitness Event: Banbury Rugby Club, Oxford Road, Banbury. Classes, yoga, Zumba, zorbs and more. 10am. £5 adults, £3 children. 07595 672253.

NOA Community Open Day: North Oxford Association Community Centre, Diamond Place, Summertown. Join us to try free taster sessions of different activities that run at NOA: Monkey Music (noon/12.30), Dance Aerobics (1pm), Calligraphy (1.30pm), Zumba Kids (1.45), Zumba Adults (2.30), Tuneless Choir (3pm) Karate (3.30). Craft activities with the Museum of Oxford and Oxfordshire Adult Learning. Come and find out more about this active community centre and how you can get involved. Noon. Free. 01865 552295.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Uffington White Horse Hill, National Trust Car Park, Uffington. SU293865 8.4 miles. (NT parking fee payable for non-members). A circular walk south on to the Downs and back via Ashdown House, the Ridgeway Path and Waylands Smithy. Bring refreshments and a picnic. Assistance dogs only. 10am. 07801 710679.

SUNDAY

Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Brookside Primary School, Bucknell Road, Bicester. 5pm. 01844 281888.

Camel and Mongolian Day: Buscot Park, Buscot, Faringdon. The Wild Camel Protection Foundation fundraising event for the IUCN listed wild camel. There will be camel dressage, camel rides for children, Mongolian wrestling, archery and food and lots of interesting stalls. See www.wildcamels.com noon. £15 per car. 01580 241132.

Combe Mill In Steam: Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. Theme: Vintage & Classic Wheels. Vintage transport. make a poker at blacksmiths' forge, working beam engine, line shafting, restored waterwheel. historic clocks. Riverside Tea Room, picnic area by the River Evenlode. 10am. Adults £7.50, concessions & children £6. 01993 358694.

Ramblers walk: Kings Hotel car park, Stokenchurch. 7½ mile walk via High Wood, Radnage, Yoesden Nature Reserve (hopefully to see orchids) and Bennett End. Bring a picnic. 10am. 01865 423555.

Summer Sundays Cream Teas: The Reading Room, Combe. Raising funds for local Combe charities. 2.30pm. 01993 898348.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Deddinton, Market Place, Deddington. SP467317 12 miles A walk to Nether Worton and Great Tew (Anglo Saxon lease of 1052) returning through the Barfords. Bring refreshments, pub stop possible. Crossing B4031 and section with pavement. Dogs on leads. 10.15am. 01865 514082.

MONDAY

Women's Self Defence and Fitness Class: The Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough. Ages from 13 upwards. 8pm. £5. 07834 022463.

Yoga Class: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. 9.30am. 07917 453224.

TUESDAY

Gosford All Blacks Pre Season Training: Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club, Stratfield Brake, Kidlington. Gosford All Blacks are looking for new players to join there senior teams. 7pm. Free.

Painting Demonstration: Centre 70, Kincroft off Goldsmiths Lane, Wallingford. Flowers Bold And Beautiful in Watercolours by Keith Hornblower 7.30pm. Free to members, visitors £3. 01491 681400.

Tea & Creativity Social Club: Corpus

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Christi Church Hall, Margaret Road, Headington. Informal social club. 2pm. Donations.

Yoga Class: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. 6.15pm. 07917 453224.

WEDNESDAY

In Conversation With Nadiya Hussain: Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford. Loved for her warmth and charisma as well as her unique approach to flavours, Britain's favourite *Bake Off* winner, Nadiya Hussain, has captured the heart of the nation. In this very special event, Nadiya will be in conversation with Barney Desmazery, Senior food editor at *BBC Good Food Magazine*, about her life and adventures with food. From cooking for her family to baking the Queen's 90th Birthday Cake, and how she'll never say 'maybe' again. 7.30pm. £17, £30 ticket and signed book. 01865 305305.

Painting Workshop: The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford. Explore ideas and methods of abstraction with artist Kieran Stiles. 2pm. £8. 01865 263990.

Lecture – The Hon East India Company: Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon. Abingdon Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) monthly lecture. From NADFAS lecturer Vivienne Lawes, we explore the way the East India Company developed it's methods of trade and how the 17th century textile trade transformed the system for the creative design of patterns and made inroads into China. 2pm. Non-members £6. 01235 523370.

Viva Salsa Dance: Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney. 7.30pm. £6 one class, £10 for two hours. 07905 484077.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Chinnor (in front of shops), Junction of Church Road and High Street (parking nearby), Chinnor. 10.00am SP758010 6.1 miles. A circular walk on flat ground via Sydenham and Emmington. Bring refreshments for en route break. A stretch of walking on the B4445, fast traffic but with good visibility. Assistance dogs only. 10am. 07914 183394.

Witney Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney. 7pm. Monthly fees apply. 01844 281888.

Music

THURSDAY

Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage: Wantage & Hardy. As part of Wantage Summer Festival The Mad Hatters Ceilidh Band provide a cocktail of readings and poetry punctuated with music from the tune books of the Hardy family. £7. 7pm. 01235 771447.

The Library Pub, 182 Cowley Road, Oxford: Dan Rawle, Beth Thornton, My Crooked Teeth. EP launch for local singer-songwriter. 7.30pm. £4.

The Cock Inn, The Green, Combe: Nick Gill. Classic jazz and ragtime piano/ vocals. 8pm. Free.

Jude The Obscure, 54 Walton Street, Oxford: The Wirebirds. Blues-rock. 8pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Bay Tree, Denchworth Road, Wantage: Devastation. Rock and pop. Free. 9pm. 01235 770054.

Boathouse, High Street, Wallingford: C.Ody. Free. 9pm. 01491 834100.

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Early Music by Candlelight: Game of Queens. Charivari Agréable. £18, £16 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Fox, Enstone Road, Middle Barton: Joe Holic. Free. 9pm. 01869 340338.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Nathassia. London-based electronic music artist with her debut album *Light of the World*. £5. 7pm. 07710 700750.

Rhythms at The Yurt, Haddon Acre, Sires Hill, Didcot: Ben Holder Trio. Jazz violinist with Jez Cooke on guitar and Paul Jefferies on bass. 8pm. £15.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Bloodshot, Oceans Of Apathy, Force Of Mortality. Rock & metal. 7.45pm. £4.

SATURDAY

St Mary Magdalene Church, Barrow Road, Shippon: Organ Recital. Dr Emma Gibbins, Director of Music at Newport Cathedral. Free. 7.30pm. 01235 529596.

The Cricketers, Temple Road, Cowley: Uprooted. Free. 9pm. 01865 718459.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Massive, Black Cat Bones, Hell's Gazelles, Tequila Mockingbird. Rock/metal. 7.45pm. £8 (adv), £10 (old).

Tap Social Movement, 27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford: Nightwreckers. Rhythm n blues. 9pm. Free.

SUNDAY

Duke of Cumberland's Head, Main Road, Clifton, Deddington: Oxley Ollendorff Duo. Pianist Peter Oxley and Yamaha jazz scholar guitarist Tom Ollendorff from London. 2pm. 01869 226334.

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Baroque Music by Candlelight: Two Daughters and an Aged Stream. Performed by Charivari Agréable. £20, £18 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington: Anniversary Concert – Kidlington Concert Brass. Free. 7pm.

Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Jack Gibbons Plays Gershwin: His life and times. £16 (on door £20). 8pm. 01865 305305.

New College Chapel, New College, Holywell Street, Oxford: Oxford Bach Soloists: Out of the Depths. £15. 3.15pm.

Oxford Wine Café, 38 South Parade, Summertown: The Big Steele Trio. Jazz. 6.30-9pm. Free.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Flamenco Madrid. Flamenco dancers and singers accompanied by guitarist Jero Férec. 8pm. £15.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: The Mighty Cadillac, Mojo Demon, Purple May, Glendale Train and Jules Penzo. 3.30-8.30pm. Free.

MONDAY

Rose Revived, Newbridge, Witney: Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. Jazz. 7.30pm. Free.

TUESDAY

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Harpsichord Recital by Candlelight: Bach, Beer & Brandy. £15,

£14 (OAP), £10 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Dan Owen. Soulful blues. 7pm. £8.

Oxford Playhouse, 11-12 Beaumont Street, Oxford: Stacey Kent. Grammy-nominated singer. 7.30pm. £11.50-£22.

WEDNESDAY

Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Baroque Music by Candlelight: Match made in Melody. Charivari Agréable. £18, £16 (OAP), £12 (students). 8pm. 01865 305305.

Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Jack Gibbons plays Chopin: his journey from Warsaw to Paris. £16 (on door £20). 8pm. 01865 305305.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Deap Vally, Demob Happy. Californian alt-rock duo. 7.30pm. £10.

Theatre

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Jul 15, Andy Askins, Carey Marx and Josh Pugh. Glee comedy. 7.45pm. £15.95. 01865 810000.

Florence Park Community Centre, Cornwallis Road, Oxford: Jul 15, Improv Night. After a day's course learning the art of Improv comedy with Kevin Tomlinson the participants will present an evening's show. wegotickets.com/event/405400 7.30pm. £5. 07864 028591.

Frideswide Square, Oxford: Until Aug 5, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Creation Theatre Company. Promenade play. £25, £18, concessions £22. 7.30pm. 01865 766266.

Gloucester Green Market Place, Gloucester Green, Oxford: Jul 15, Dancin' On The Green. Afternoon of movement on the Dance Stage. Plus surprise pop-up performances around town too. Noon. Free. 01865 305305.

Oxford Castle Unlocked, 44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford: Until Jul 29, *Romeo and Juliet*. Tomahawk Theatre. 7.30pm. £16 and £13. 01865 260666.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Until Jul 13, *Death Of A Salesman*. 7.30pm. £15 to £32.50. 01865 305305.

The North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Oxford: Jul 16, *The Beauty Manifesto and Basset*. 6.30pm. £16. 01865 319450.

University Parks, Parks Road, Oxford: Jul 15-Aug 19, *Alice*. Creation Theatre Company. 2pm. £25, £18, child £16, concessions £22, preview tickets £18. 01865 766266.

Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford: Until Aug 19, *Much Ado About Nothing*. 7.30pm. £13-£24. 01865 305305.

Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Jul 15, British Pathe Films: Celebrating Speed. 2.30pm. 01295 753752.

Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham: Jul 19, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The HandleBards, the world's first cycling theatre company. 6.30pm. £18 adult, £14 child. 01865 407792.

Old Swan & Minster Mill Hotel, Lower Village, Minster Lovell: Jul 19, Sparkling Afternoon Tea & Tales. Story cabaret artist Chloe of the Midnight Storytellers accompanied by afternoon tea and a glass of fizz. 3.45pm. £26.50 per person with tea, fizz and show. 01993 774441.

Orchard Dene Garden Theatre, Watt's Lane, Blewbury: Jul 19-22, *Great Expectations*. Open air production with the Blewbury Players. buytickets.at/the-blewbury-players/ 8pm. £12.50 and £6.

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Sabin stars for Banbury

Captain leads the way to earn Tring draw

CAPTAIN Lloyd Sabin smashed a superb unbeaten 91 as Banbury drew at Tring Park in Division 1 of the Home Counties Premier League.

The hosts elected to bat, posting 286-9, with Michael Payne (70) top-scoring and Aizaz Cheema taking 3-54.

Partnerships of 98 between Payne and Alexander Woodland (61), and 75 for Luke Coleman-Ohrynowsky and Shelvin Gumbs proved integral to their innings.

Banbury slipped to

CRICKET

82-4 in reply, with only Ed Phillips, out of those dismissed, scoring more than 20.

But Sabin, who hit 11 fours and two sixes in his fine knock, and Olly Clarke's stand of 88 helped them finish on 170-4 and earn a draw.

Banbury next face Horspath at home on Saturday.

TRING PARK

A Dixon lbw Taylor.....	11
A Woodland c&b Sabin.....	61
C Macdonell c Taylor b West.....	17
M Payne c West b Clarke.....	70
L Coleman-Ohrynowsky c Clarke b Wright.....	47
S Gumbs b Cheema.....	40
C Gaur b Cheema.....	7

S Rimmington b Cheema.....	0
K Shah not out.....	6
R Criddle run out.....	7
S Stanway not out.....	20
Extras.....	286
Total (9 wks, 64 ovs).....	286
Fall: 1-21, 2-49, 3-147, 4-181, 5-256, 6-265, 7-265, 8-276, 9-286.	
Bowling: Cheema 13-2-54-3, Taylor 5-1-19-1, West 16-3-53-1, Wright 13-1-66-1, Clarke 9-0-41-1, Sabin 8-0-34-1.	
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C Haupt c Coleman-Ohrynowsky b Woodland.....	10
L Sabin not out.....	91
C Hill lbw Woodland.....	1
R West c&b Stanway.....	8
E Phillips c Shah b Payne.....	22
O Clarke not out.....	25
Extras.....	13
Total (4 wks, 56 ovs).....	170
Fall: 1-27, 2-31, 3-40, 4-82.	
Bowling: Stanway 10-5-14-1, Woodland 11-1-48-2, Macdonell 13-2-34-0, Coleman-Ohrynowsky 12-2-45-0, Payne 6-2-11-1, Criddle 2-0-7-0, Rimmington 2-0-2-0.	
Tring Park 11 pts, Banbury 9	



Captain Lloyd Sabin hit 91 not out to help Banbury earn a draw at Tring Park in Division 1

Grosjean's in the points with top-six finish

MOTORSPORT

ROMAIN Grosjean secured his fifth points-scoring finish of the Formula 1 season when coming home sixth for Banbury-based Haas in the Austrian Grand Prix.

The Frenchman, who qualified seventh, helped the north Oxfordshire team edge closer to sixth-placed Toro Rosso in the constructors' standings.

Grosjean now heads to this weekend's British Grand Prix at Silverstone in an upbeat mood.

He said: "It was a really strong race.

"We pushed hard all the way and that's the racing we like. It was a great race and a great job by all the guys."

"There are a few things we need to improve, but we were the best of the rest."

There was no such joy for Kevin Magnussen, though, as the Dane was forced to retire on lap 29 with a hydraulics issue.

STARS with Claire Petulengro

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Trust is really important to a sign such as you. You want to know that you can lay your heart on the line without fear of it being crushed. However, ask yourself how you can expect to trust others if you won't allow yourself to open up to them in return? Love is a two way street and it's vital you work with your loved ones and not against them this week. Ring now so I can help you.

0906 585 4360

LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Make your days count, don't just count them. You have been looking to the past for answers which only the future can give. Truth be told Libra, you really do need to give your current close ones a break. You have been blaming them for things which were outside of their control. Dress well on Friday. It will count for much. Ring now so we can talk about making your dreams a reality.

0906 585 4366

TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Try to keep your eyes on your dreams. You have allowed yourself to be led astray by those who seem to know what your weak points are. Make sure the friends and even lovers you allow into your life are ones who bring out the best points in you. New pass times see you entering into a better social circle. Ring now to hear how you can afford to ask for more financially.

0906 585 4361

GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Emotions could see you accusing close ones of things they have not done. Know how far is too far to go when making accusations or you could ruin the hard work you've done in building up relations so far this month. Keeping all appointments you've made this week can go a long way to building up the trust you lost with close ones. Ring now to hear why I'm so excited for you this year.

0906 585 4362

CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Try not to fight a close one this week. Instead, stop and listen to what it is they have to say. You may say you have been listening, but your chart indicates a stubborn phase which may have caused an awkward atmosphere that is not easy to remove. Luckily for you, the Moon is on hand on Friday to help you work as a team. Use this as your negotiation day. Ring now for your love scope.

0906 585 4363

LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

I know you feel a fool for what someone has done to you, but today's news is tomorrow's fish and chip paper. You will soon move on as others already have. You just can't see it yet. Don't let the memory of an ex stop you from moving forward with someone who is actually nothing like the person who manipulated you. Ring now to hear why it's worth giving into family demands this weekend.

0906 585 4364

VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Stop trying to do everything and start focusing on one thing at a time. You and I both know you are more than able to do what is before you. Believe in you and others will too my friend. From Tuesday, your energy levels start to return and you are no longer influenced by those who enjoy drama and gossip. Ring now to hear why I know you can afford to lay your heart on the line.

0906 585 4365

SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

You are different Scorpio and it's important that you embrace this fact and that you don't try to reject it. People want to know you because you bring light and laughter into a room. Your alternative way of thinking of things sheds new light on old ideas. Embrace this fact and stop trying to fit in. Being different is what makes you loved. Ring now so I can help you to believe in you again.

0906 585 4367

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

A lack of self respect has seen you making decisions which you are soon going to want to change. Try not to sign anything this week which you haven't had at least a fortnight to think about. It could cost you a lot of money and trouble to get out of it if not. News of a birth or pregnancy makes your life a busier place to be. Ring to hear how fresh work paths open now.

0906 585 4368

CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

It is imperative that you show respect to those you meet in business this week. It can make all the difference as to whether you get a good deal or a bad one. Don't be afraid to pay for travel out of your own pocket for work this week. It can prove to those concerned that you are serious about what you want. Ring now to hear why it's worth taking the advice of elders in career matters midweek.

0906 585 4369

AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

I can see from your stars that the beginning of this month saw you losing an awful lot of respect for yourself. You'll be pleased to hear that from Monday you see clearly how you can build it back up. In fact, with the positive frame of mind you'll be in you begin to set up a bolder and better life for yourself. Ring now to hear why it's teamwork not solo work that can close a deal this July.

0906 585 4370

PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Your large group of friends becomes a much smaller one as this month progresses and this is due to events which were not under your control to begin with. They will be by the time this month comes to a close. Family prove sensitive to deal with and you may have to tell a white lie in order to save someone's feelings. Ring now to hear how honesty in love must be your only path.

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PROPERTY



The converted barn in Noke, above, and the School House in Wytham, top right. Bottom right is the house in Leckford Road

Acres of space at barn is among let highlights

Gill Oliver
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A BEAUTIFUL converted barn in Noke is surrounded by six-and-a-half acres.

The period home, which is on the edge of the village, is available to let.

It includes a 34ft by 19ft sitting room, a study, a kitchen, a dining room plus a second sitting room measuring 35ft by 20ft.

The master bedroom has its own ensuite bathroom and dressing room and there are three more bedrooms and two more bathrooms.

The property is available to let, unfurnished, at £3,995 a month.

For more information, contact agent Carter Jonas on 01865 511444 or see carterjonas.co.uk.

Another character property on the rental market at the moment is the School House in Wytham.

It includes a sitting room with a wood-burning stove, a dining room

and a kitchen. On the first floor are two bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is a walled garden and off-road parking.

The School House in Wytham is available to let, unfurnished, at £1,725 a month.

For more information, contact Carter Jonas, as before.

Finally, a Victorian villa in Walton Manor has been renovated and redesigned, before being made available to let.

The property, which dates back to

1875, now includes an extension at the side.

Original features such as oak flooring, sash windows and high ceilings have been combined with contemporary design in the five-storey home, with almost 3,500 sq ft of living space.

The house includes four double bedrooms, all with ensembles.

A playroom/workspace on the top floor, which has views over the city, could be used as a fifth bedroom.

There is a sitting room and a

separate dining room on the ground floor.

A 23ft long kitchen/breakfast room on the lower ground floor has bi-fold doors to the terrace and there is also a 17ft family room on the same level.

The garden includes a small lawn and a patio area.

Number 21 Leckford Road is available to let, unfurnished, at £9,500 a month. Contact agent Scottfraser on 01865 554577 or see scottfraser.co.uk online.

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Asking Price Of £150,000



Bramble House

A four bedroom detached property with double garage situated to local schools; shops and amenities.

The property comprises entrance hall; cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen / breakfast, four bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

£410,000



High Acres, Banbury

An immaculate 4 bed detached property situated on the popular Cherwell Heights area of Banbury. Briefly comprising: Entrance hall, lounge, extended kitchen and dining room, downstairs cloakroom, 4 bedrooms with built in wardrobes and family bathroom. Outside benefits from ample off road parking, front and rear gardens and garage.

£350,000



Northumberland Court

We are delighted to offer to the market this well presented second floor, two bedroom apartment situated in a fantastic location within Banbury. Benefitting from two bedrooms, Lounge/ diner, kitchen and family bathroom this property would make an ideal investment or first home.

£140,000 OIEO



Kings Way

A spacious 4 bedroom semi detached home situated in the south of Banbury. The property comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, recently fitted kitchen diner and cloak room. Upstairs there are four generous bedrooms with ensuite bathroom to the master and separate family bathroom. Outside benefits from ample off road parking, garage, front and rear gardens.

£320,000



Spencer Court

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£115,000



Merisham Court

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Peoples Place

A large two bedroom apartment with allocated parking. Entrance hall open plan kitchen and living room. The property benefits from integrated appliances. There are two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Good size bathroom with bath and shower and WC. Situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£182,500



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Enhance View

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market one bedroom spacious apartment conveniently situated in the town centre and within walking distance to the train station. The property comprises kitchen; living room; one double bedroom; bathroom with bath and shower. The property is available unfurnished.

£725 pcm



Causeway

Martin and Co Banbury are pleased to offer this two bedroom mid terraced property, with close proximity to train station and town centre. The property comprises; kitchen, lounge, bathroom, two bedrooms. There is on road parking, and a small garden to the rear of the property. Suitable for single or professional couple.

£750 pcm



2 Kings Road

Martin & Co are pleased to present this two bedroom cottage situated in the village of Bloxham. The property benefits from one double bedroom and a second smaller bedroom / office. The bathroom contains a WC and a shower. Good size kitchen and living room. Washing machine and fridge available. EPC rating C

£725 pcm



Purston House

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market first floor two bedroom unfurnished apartment situated conveniently for the town centre and train station. The property comprises; hallway; kitchen; living room; two double bedrooms; the master bedroom has an ensuite shower. EPC rating B

£795 pcm



Cricketers Fields

Martin & Co are pleased to present a selection of new two bedroom luxury apartments situated within walking distance to the train station and town centre. Available unfurnished with off road parking. Don't miss out on the chance to rent in a brand new development. Available for viewings from 27th May.

£795 pcm



7 Tarragon Walk

A spacious two bedroom apartment on the Hanwell Fields estate. This property benefits from two double bedrooms and allocated parking and a garage. Fully fitted kitchen and spacious lounge. Double bedrooms. Good access for M40 links. Walking distance to the shops and schools. EPC rating: C

£825 pcm



Forsythia Walk

Martin & Co are pleased to present a spacious one bedroom property situated in Hardwick. The property comprises a separate kitchen with cooker; washer dryer and fridge freezer; living room; one double bedroom with storage cupboard; bathroom with bath and shower. The property benefits from a rear enclosed garden with shed and two allocated parking spaces.

£700 pcm



30 Ivatt Walk

We are pleased to present a spacious two bed maisonette; which comprises; entrance hall; fully fitted kitchen with cooker; washing machine and fridge freezer; living room; upstairs there are two double bedrooms and bathroom with bath and shower; separate WC. The property has allocated parking and is conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£750



Hereford Way

A new to the market three bedroom spacious bungalow with good size garden; plenty of parking and a garage. Conveniently situated in Hardwick for access to the town centre; local schools and shops. EPC Rating D.

£950 pcm



Broughton Road

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market one bedroom room in a shared house conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station. The room benefits from a kitchenette area also. Ideal for a single professional.

£500 pcm



Room 2

Martin & Co are pleased to present a one bedroom fully furnished double room in a shared house conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£450 pcm



Old Parr Close

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market two bedroom ground floor property. The property comprises; kitchen; living room; bathroom and two bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Available unfurnished. Shared garden. Walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£745 pcm



Main Street

We are pleased to present a new to the market one bed annexe in North Newington near to Banbury; Gaydon and the M40. The property comprises living room with kitchenette including cooker and integrated fridge freezer and microwave; bathroom with shower, WC and sink; one double bedroom. Suits a single professional. Parking available.

£595 pcm



Verney Road

We are pleased to present a new to the market two bedroom ground floor flat with allocated parking and within walking distance to the train station and town centre. Spacious hallway entrance leads to two double bedrooms.

£795 pcm



Broome Way

A two bedroom flat within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£740 pcm



Broome Way

A spacious two double bedroom flat within walking distance to the town centre and train station. Open plan kitchen and living room. Available unfurnished. Allocated parking available. EPC Rating D.

£725 pcm

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BANBURY £825 pcm

A three bedroomed end of terraced Victorian house situated within walking distance of Banbury town centre. | living room | dining room | kitchen | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | bathroom | small courtyard to rear.

Energy Rating D
Part Furnished - Available 1st September 2017



SANDFORD ST MARTIN £1,750 pcm

A beautiful grade II listed cottage in this picturesque conservation village situated within close proximity to Soke House. | hall | cloakroom | dining room | living room | kitchen/breakfast room | utility | three double bedrooms | one single bedroom | two bathrooms | gardens | off road parking | shed | summerhouse.

Unfurnished - Available 2nd September 2017



SHUTFORD £1,150 pcm

A well presented, three bedroomed spacious detached bungalow located in a quiet position in this village to the West of Banbury. | hallway | kitchen/dining room | lounge | three double bedrooms with en-suite shower room to the master bedroom | bathroom | conservatory | gardens to front and rear | garage | off road parking.

Energy Rating D
Unfurnished - Available 22nd August 2017



WHEATLEY CLOSE £1,450 pcm

A beautifully presented, newly refurbished four bedroomed detached house located on the South side of Banbury. | porch | hallway | cloakroom | kitchen/breakfast room | utility room | dining room | lounge | four double bedrooms | family bathroom | large enclosed rear garden | double garage | off street parking | gardens to front.

Energy Rating C
Unfurnished - Available Immediately



BOOTH ROAD £975 pcm

A three bedroomed middle terraced town house located on the popular Hanwell Fields development. This property will be newly redecorated prior to the commencement of the tenancy. | entrance hall | lounge | cloakroom | kitchen/diner with white goods | double bedroom | single bedroom | family bathroom | master bedroom with built in wardrobes | en-suite shower room | enclosed rear garden | two allocated parking spaces.

Energy Rating C
Unfurnished - Available 24th July 2017



BANBURY £795 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed ground floor apartment situated within walking distance of Banbury town centre and the railway station. | hallway | good sized lounge | fitted kitchen with white goods | two bedrooms | bathroom with shower | allocated parking.

Energy Rating B
Unfurnished - Available 8th August 2017



LITTLE BORTON £850 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed semi detached cottage situated in a village North of Banbury with good access to the M40 motorway and Banbury town centre. | hallway | lounge with open fireplace | fitted kitchen with appliances | family bathroom | two double bedrooms | good sized rear garden | on street parking.

Energy Rating E
Unfurnished - Available 5th September 2017



BANBURY £650 pcm

A spacious, freshly decorated one bedroomed first floor apartment situated within walking distance of Banbury town centre. | stairs to first floor | hallway | open plan living room/kitchen with white goods | double bedroom with built in wardrobe | bathroom | parking.

Energy Rating E
Unfurnished - Available 4th August 2017



SHUTFORD £895 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed detached bungalow in a pleasant and quiet position within this highly sought after North Oxfordshire village. | entrance hall | living room | conservatory | kitchen | two double bedrooms | bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage | off road parking.

Energy Rating E
Unfurnished - Available Immediately



ELMSCOTE ROAD £825 pcm

A detached two bedroomed bungalow situated within this popular residential area to the South of Banbury. | hallway | kitchen | lounge | family bathroom | two double bedrooms | conservatory | gardens to front | enclosed rear patio garden | off street parking for two cars.

Energy Rating D
Unfurnished - Available 17th July 2017



BYFIELD £895 pcm

A very well presented three bedroomed semi detached house situated in this well served village with easy access to the M40 and M1 motorways. | hallway | lounge | kitchen/dining room with integrated dishwasher and fridge/freezer | cloak room | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | bathroom | good sized rear garden | garage | parking.

Energy Rating C
Unfurnished - Available 19th July 2017



BANBURY £750 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed top floor flat located within walking distance of Banbury town centre and the railway station. | hallway | lounge | kitchen with integrated fridge | one double bedroom with built in wardrobe | single bedroom | bathroom | utility cupboard | garage | allocated parking space | further storage cupboard to the ground floor.

Energy Rating D
Part Furnished - Available 14th August 2017



BANBURY £750 pcm

A two bedroomed first floor duplex apartment located in the heart of Banbury town centre. | hallway | spacious open plan kitchen/living room with white goods | bathroom | stairs leading to two double bedrooms with built in wardrobes to each.

Energy Rating C
Unfurnished - Available 1st August 2017



CHACOMBE £950 pcm

A beautifully presented spacious three bedroomed semi detached house situated in a quiet cul de sac in a village North East of Banbury. | hallway | cloakroom | lounge | fitted kitchen | dining room | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | family bathroom | good sized front and rear gardens | outhouse with plumbing | single garage.

Energy Rating F
Unfurnished - Available 15th July 2017



BANBURY £1,595 pcm

A beautifully well presented spacious four bedroomed semi detached house with a separate annex located close to Banbury town centre. | hallway | lounge | dining room | fitted kitchen with integrated appliances | cloakroom | two shower rooms | three double bedrooms | one single bedroom | off street parking for several cars | large well established rear garden | Annex - lounge | double bedroom | shower room.

Energy Rating D
Unfurnished - Available 11th August 2017



BANBURY £995 pcm

A well presented three bedroomed town house located on this popular development to the North of Banbury. | hallway | cloak room | kitchen/breakfast room with white goods | lounge | three double bedrooms with en-suite to master bedroom | family bathroom | enclosed rear garden | garage.

Energy Rating C
Unfurnished - Available Immediately.



BANBURY £1,100 pcm

A very well presented four bedroomed terraced house located on the edge of Banbury town centre with off road parking, conveniently situated within easy access to Banbury train station. | hallway | dining room | lounge | fitted kitchen with white goods | spacious bathroom with free standing bath and separate shower cubicle | double bedroom | good sized single bedroom to first floor | further double bedroom and study/single bedroom to second floor | pretty courtyard garden | parking to the rear.

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Unfurnished - Available 26th July 2017

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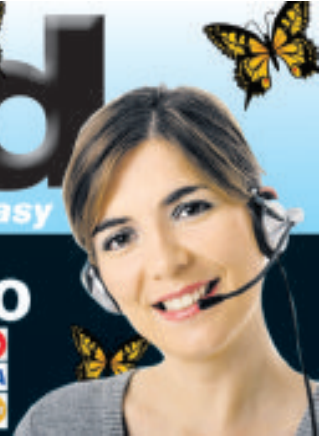
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Announcements - Public Notices

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Notice of Temporary Traffic Order
Shutford, Epwell Road
Prohibition of Through Traffic
Date of Order: 24 July 2017
Coming into force: 7 August 2017

This Order is being introduced because of water pipe replacement works which are anticipated to take 5 weeks to complete. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding in Epwell Road between the junctions of Sibford Road and The Rickyard.

Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the closure is in force. Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road. The alternative route for traffic is via Rattlecombe Road, The Plain Road, Banbury Road, High Street and vice-versa.

This Order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

Traffic Regulations Team (Ref T4936/AC) for the Director for Infrastructure Delivery, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND. 0345 310 1111.

8 PUBLIC NOTICES

Announcements - Public Notices

JOHN ALAN WHITE (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 12 Wilcox Road, Chipping Norton OX7 5LE, who died on 14/01/2017, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 14/09/2017, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

The Will Associates Asset Management Ltd, The Old Magistrates Court, Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, Shropshire, United Kingdom TF9 1PH.

BARBARA WELTON (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 16 Seven Sisters Close, Fillingthorpe, Brackley, Northamptonshire NN13 5PL, who died on 09/12/2016, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/09/2017, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Brethertons Solicitors, Stratford House, Watlington Court, Watlington Road, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX16 4QD. Attn: Holly Pearce Ref: HCP62027-13

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